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GEORGETOWN ROOFER FACES FELONY FRAUD CHARGES Allegedly falsified workers' comp certificates to obtain roofing jobs

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 19, 2008) – The owner of a Georgetown roofing company will be arraigned Thursday in Montgomery District Court on charges that he provided fake certificates of workers' compensation insurance coverage to potential clients.

Kendall Hampton, owner of Hampton Roofing, allegedly gave the fake certificates to a construction company, a builder and an individual in order to obtain roofing jobs. He was arrested Aug. 14 in Montgomery County and was charged with three felony counts of insurance fraud. The case was investigated by the Kentucky Department of Insurance (DOI) Fraud Investigation Division.

If found guilty on all three counts, Hampton faces a maximum prison sentence of 15 years, a \$30,000 fine, or both.

"Workers' compensation insurance is a necessary business expense," said Sharon P. Clark, DOI commissioner. "When a business owner fails to obtain the proper coverage, the workers and clients both are placed in a vulnerable position."

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